

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

RODNEY O. HARRIS,

Petitioner,

Case Number: 2:15-CV-11122
HON. GEORGE CARAM STEEH

v.

DAVID BERGH,

Respondent.

**ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S
MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

Petitioner Rodney O. Harris, a state prisoner confined at the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer, Michigan, has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Now before the Court is Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Counsel.

Petitioner has no absolute right to be represented by counsel on federal habeas corpus review. *See Abdur-Rahman v. Michigan Dept. of Corrections*, 65 F.3d 489, 492 (6th Cir. 1995); *see also Wright v. West*, 505 U.S. 277, 293 (1992) (citing *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987)). “[A]ppointment of counsel in a civil case is . . . a matter within the discretion of the court. It is a privilege and not a right.” *Childs v. Pellegrin*, 822 F.2d 1382, 1384 (6th Cir. 1987). A habeas petitioner may obtain representation at any stage of the case “[w]henever the United States magistrate or the court determines that the interests of justice so require.” 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). The Court determines that the interests of justice do not require appointment of counsel at this time.

Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** Petitioner's "Motion for Appointment of Counsel" [dkt. # 3].

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 24, 2015

s/George Caram Steeh
GEORGE CARAM STEEH
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon attorneys of record on April 24, 2015, by electronic and/or ordinary mail and also on Rodney Harris #227942, Thumb Correctional Facility, 3225 John Conley Drive, Lapeer, MI 48446.

s/Barbara Radke
Deputy Clerk